

**2007 Wildlife Without Borders-Latin America and the Caribbean Program
Summary of Projects Currently Approved for Funding**

8 Multinational Grants

Total FWS Funding: \$121,617 Total Leveraged Funds: \$287,261

Manned Wolf X Farmers: Improving their Relationships in the Brazilian Cerrado.

In partnership with the Instituto Pro-Carnivoros. Grant funding will support education activities to improve the relationship between manned wolves and local communities in and around the Serra da Canastra National Park in the state of Minas Gerais, Brazil. Based on information on livestock depredation, the project will test and propose preventive methods to significantly reduce losses by farmers. FWS: \$10,000. Leveraged funds: \$40,000.

Conservation of Wild Cats and their Prey On Cattle Ranches. In partnership with the International Institute for Wildlife Management and Conservation, National University of Costa Rica. Grant dollars will partially support a project to encourage ranchers around protected areas of the Guanacaste Conservation Area to preserve wild cats, including jaguar and puma, and their prey, by developing a plan of incentives of cattle certification and payment for environmental services, which would be conditioned on the application of preventive management measures. The project will be implemented and managed by a graduate student and a professor from the FWS-funded Master program in Wildlife Management at the National University of Costa Rica. FWS: \$15,000. Leveraged funds: \$24,000.

Bat Conservation Priorities and Networks in Mesoamerica and the Caribbean. In partnership with the Lube Bat Conservancy. Grant funding paid airfare for Caribbean participants to attend a multi-partner workshop bringing together Mesoamerican and Caribbean bat specialists and mammal experts that was held in Honduras in March, 2007. FWS: \$6,000. Leveraged funds: \$83,497.

McKenzie Sanctuary: A Living Education Center, Bahamas. In partnership with Friends of the Environment. Grant dollars will partially support the creation of the McKenzie Sanctuary, an outdoor living education center, to provide educational opportunities for the students, residents and visitors of Abaco Island, in the Bahamas, home to the Bahamian parrot. FWS: \$5,000. Leveraged funds: \$24,100.

Raising Public Awareness about Migratory Species Conservation through the Eco-Index and the Western Hemisphere Migratory Species Initiative. In partnership with Rainforest Alliance. Grant funds will support the continued activities of the Western Hemisphere Migratory Species Initiative (WHMSI) Pathway, a bilingual website featuring projects and resources related to migratory species conservation in the Americas. In addition to continued website maintenance and publication of a bi-annual newsletter, the grant will support the creation of a new section on the website with links

to educational resources related to migratory species conservation. FWS: \$15,000.
Leveraged funds: \$2,044.

Environmental Policy Analysis Training Course. In partnership with NatureServe. Grant dollars will support a training course focused on new methodological procedures to analyze and evaluate environmental policy on biodiversity conservation. The course will provide a better understanding of variables and indicators that can help in the implementation of environmental policy. The course will be conducted by NatureServe at the FWS-funded Master program in Wildlife Management at the National University of Costa Rica. FWS: \$15,617. Leveraged funds: \$11,117.

Master Program in Wildlife Conservation and Management for Latin America. In partnership with the National University of Cordoba, Argentina. Grant funding will support the the Master Program in Wildlife Management. Since 1992, the program has trained 61 specialists in wildlife management and conservation, with a highly applied and interdisciplinary approach, including bioecological, social and economic aspects, and focusing on the subtropical and temperate environments in the southern portion of South America. Graduates include students from Argentina, Chile, Uruguay, Paraguay, Brazil, Bolivia, Ecuador, Colombia, Venezuela, and Peru. Thesis topics are of strict applied nature, and respond to concrete problems identified by local researchers or governmental agencies. Grant funds will cover scholarships, thesis work, travel expenses for thesis directors, secretarial services for the program, and general program support. FWS: \$50,000. Leveraged funds: \$90,420.

Training Program for Environmental Education Commission and Educators of Monteverde, Costa, Rica. In partnership with the Tropical Science Center. Grant dollars will support the design and implementation of a training program for the Environmental Education Commission of Monteverde, a popular tourist destination in Costa Rica. The Commission is integrated by 13 organizations working towards the welfare and socio-economic conditions of this area. The program will focus on flagship species such as the quetzal. The project will be implemented and managed by two graduates from the FWS-funded Master program in Wildlife Management at the National University of Costa Rica. FWS: \$5,000. Leveraged funds: \$12,083.

**Rhinoceros and Tiger Conservation Fund
Summary of Projects Currently Approved for Funding**

2 Grants Total FWS Funding: \$103,291 Total Leveraged Funds: \$340,936

Translocation of Black Rhinoceros in Ol Pejeta Conservancy, Kenya. In partnership with Fauna and Flora International. Project activities include the relocation of 34 black rhinos from an overstocked private reserve to another nearby reserve. Moving these individuals should result in an increased population growth rate and will broaden the

gene pool by separating closely related individuals. FWS: \$75,031. Leveraged funds: \$86,067.

Assistance with the Mark, Capture and Translocation of Black and White Rhinoceros in Etosha National Park. In partnership with the Namibia Ministry of Environment and Tourism. Project activities include the mark, capture, and translocation of black and white rhinos from parks and state land for the establishment of new founder populations of black rhinoceros in communal conservancies and in Namib Naukluft Park. FWS: \$28,260. Leveraged funds: \$254,869.

Marine Turtles Conservation Fund Summary of Projects Currently Approved for Funding

11 Grants Total FWS Funding: \$436,928 Total Leveraged Funds: \$503,054

Monitoring and Management of Leatherback Nesting at Jarnursba Medi and Warmon Beaches in the Bird's Head Region, Papua, Indonesia. In partnership with the State University of Papua. This grant will support research to monitor the leatherback nesting population status, hatchling production, threats and a threat mitigation protocol and ensure the effective involvement of local communities in the recovery program for West Pacific leatherback nesting populations. FWS: \$49,832. Leveraged funds: \$55,760.

Community-based Marine Turtle Nesting Beach Conservation in Quang Tri Province, Central Coast of Vietnam. In partnership with the World Conservation Union (IUCN). This grant will support a new community based sea turtle conservation program targeted at restoration of a once significant but now depleted leatherback nesting population. FWS: \$26,311. Leveraged funds: \$22,473.

Studies to Support Conservation and Management of Hawksbill Populations in the Indian Ocean. In partnership with the University of Canberra, Australia. The grant will support collaborative research to identify discrete hawksbill nesting management units within the Indian Ocean region as well as to provide population genetics information that will enable managers to begin to determine the composition of the mixed stocks on important foraging grounds, critical information that will foster the collaboration of countries with shared stocks in the Indian Ocean region. FWS: \$18,270. Leveraged funds: \$25,115.

Research and Conservation of Major Sea Turtle Nesting Populations in West Africa. In partnership with the National Institute for Forest Development Management of System of Protected Areas (INDEFOR). This grant will support monitoring and nest protection programs for local communities to conserve the major leatherback nesting population in south Bioko, Equatorial Guinea and establish new monitoring and nest protection programs for leatherback and green turtles in the Rio Campo Natural Reserve on the mainland of Equatorial Guinea. FWS: \$25,000. Leveraged funds: \$39,075.

Leatherback and Hawksbill Turtle Research and Population Recovery Project in Panama. In partnership with Caribbean Conservation Corporation. This grant supports efforts to restore the Chiriqui Beach nesting population of hawksbill nesting turtles, once the largest in the Wider Caribbean, in partnership with the local Nogbe Indian communities. The project also supports monitoring and protection of one of the largest leatherback nesting populations in the Western Caribbean. FWS: \$49,832. Leveraged funds: \$97,379.

Bangor Point, Liberia, Sea Turtle Conservation and Educational Empowerment Project. In partnership with Save My Future Foundation, Liberia. This grant will support community based conservation programs to monitor and protect leatherback, hawksbill and olive ridley sea turtles along 14 km of nesting beaches in southwest Liberia. FWS: \$25,190. Leveraged funds: \$10,000.

Marine Turtle Conservation Programs in Developing Countries. In partnership with the International Sea Turtle Society. This grant will provide travel grants for sea turtle biologists and conservationists from developing countries who would otherwise be unable to attend the 27th Annual Symposium on Sea Turtle Biology and Conservation and benefit all seven species of sea turtles. This annual gathering brings together between 600-1000 marine turtle conservations from over 80 countries and provides excellent venue for regional meetings and coordination, training workshops and information exchange of marine turtle conservation projects throughout the world. FWS: \$25,000. Leveraged funds: \$50,000.

Conservation of Pearl Cays Hawksbill Rookery and Community Ecotourism Development. In partnership with the Wildlife Conservation Society. This grant will support the monitoring and protection of hawksbill nesting populations on 12 of the Pearl Keys as well as assist local communities to develop and expand conservation of hawksbill turtles through ecotourism based turtle watching. FWS: \$46,493. Leveraged funds: \$56,652.

The Gabon Sea Turtle Partnership for Leatherback Research and Conservation, 2007-2008. In partnership with the Wildlife Conservation Society. This grant will support monitoring and nesting beach conservation programs for one of the two largest leatherback nesting populations in the world through the newly created alliance of government, NGO and local community participants as a result previous MTCA funding. FWS: \$120,000. Leveraged funds: \$74,250.

Technical Assistance for Sea Turtle Research and Conservation in the Gabon, Congo, San Tome and Principe, and Equatorial Guinea. In partnership with the Wildlife Conservation Society. This grant will support a critical need for training and technical support for marine turtle research and management projects in several West African countries with major leatherback and green nesting populations. FWS: \$22,000. Leveraged funds: \$15,850.

Strengthening the Monitoring and Conservation Program for Hawksbill Sea Turtles in Barbados, West Indies. In partnership with the University of West Indies, Barbados. This grant will support monitoring and protection of one of the key hawksbill nesting populations in the Caribbean as well as provide technical support and assistance for other hawksbill conservation projects in the region. FWS: \$29,000. Leveraged funds: \$54,500.

**Great Apes Conservation Fund
Summary of Projects Currently Approved for Funding**

2 Grants Total FWS Funding: \$134,902 Total Leveraged Funds: \$121,506

Terrestrial Surveys and Strategic Planning for Protected, Proposed and Potential Forested Conservation Areas in Southern Sudan. In partnership with the Wildlife Conservation Society. Preliminary surveys and threat assessment for chimpanzee conservation. FWS: \$74,902. Leveraged funds: \$29,751.

Conservation of the Cross River Gorilla in Cameroon and Nigeria. In partnership with the Wildlife Conservation Society. Surveys and socioeconomic-related work in buffer zones of protected areas containing this subspecies with particular reference to corridors, community conservation and sustainable agriculture. FWS: \$60,000. Leveraged funds: \$91,755.

**African Elephants
Summary of Projects Recommended for Funding**

AFE-0359 EIA Ivory Enforcement Training Film "Combating Ivory Smuggling: A Guide for Enforcement Officers." Environmental Investigation Agency. To complete the filming, production and distribution of a comprehensive, inclusive and practical training tool for enforcement officers to help curtail elephant poaching and the illegal trade in ivory. Recommended funding for \$11,730; matching contribution of \$21,151 by Environmental Investigation Agency, the CITES Secretariat, the CITES Management Authority of China, the Zambian Wildlife Authority, the Malawi Department of National Parks and Wildlife and Anti-Corruption Bureau, and Botswana's Department of Wildlife and National Parks. Activities have already begun with in-kind funds, scheduled to conclude by June 2007.

AFE-0364 Seventh Dialogue Meeting of the African Elephant Range States. Convention on International Trade in Endangered Species (CITES) Secretariat Recommended funding for \$60,000; matching contribution of \$28,000 by the Government of Ireland and the Government of Japan. To convene a professionally facilitated meeting of all 36 African elephant range states prior to the 14th Conference of the Parties of CITES, in order to promote dialogue and open communication among range states. Meeting scheduled for 30 May to 1 June 2007.